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TOBOG OR NOT TOBOG—that is the question.

WE SHALL get our January thaw in March this year.

HARRISBURG, in the view of your uncle Sam Randall, is a pirate port on one of the high seas that belong to England.

MR. RANDALL continues to wear the Democratic disguise, but we must insist that he be granted a commutation of sentence.

THE POPE is a wise ruler; but, not claiming the immunity of criticism that is claimed by the bench and the bar, he must eventually be displaced to make room for some distinguished jurist who has forgotten the means to his elevation.

A CRIMINAL LAWYER is generally so devoted to his client that he claims the right to appeal his case some twenty-two miles beyond the purgatory that illegally succeeds the execution.

THE AMOU T of business that isn't d ne by our legislature and the congress of the United States is beyond computation; but we believe they will manage to catch up, provided they are not incapacitated, after death.

H. WATTERSON'S GODDESS wears a green patch over each star eye.

THE PRIZE-FIGHTER who was knocked out by death thus set an example of surrender that all prize-fighters ought to follow.

"DANNIE" DRISCOLL preserved his bad opinion of the law to the last, setting his lip against it with the utmost firmness. That is what the Whyo calls heroism.

O'BRIEN'S PUNISHMENT made votes for Ireland, and William is ready to make more in the same way if it takes the very shirt off his back.

A PORTLAND (Me.) CLERGYMAN says there is more and meaner rum sold in Portland than ever before, and he has the inebriates and the bedlam to show for it.

THE PEOPLE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The pope has been discussed as "the model statesman and the father of the church." Gentlemen, drop this association of state government and church government. The one thing is foreign to the other thing. The pope has all the right in the world to be the father, but he must not be the statesman. He has no business with men's secular views or their votes on secular questions. There is a very broad line here. It has been created through great tribulation. Wipe it out and we have a new species of barbarity. The pope may have the earth after the state gets through with it—never before.

MR. DAN DOUGHERTY thinks the lawyer made the earth; and really, the occupants of the earth are so given to making business for the lawyers that we are half inclined to believe him.

WE CANNOT commend too highly the thoughtfulness of the Troy gentleman who put crape on his door and then committed suicide; but if he might have had the funeral in advance, too, he would have saved more trouble.

WE JUDGE from a new batch of Buchanan love-stories that Uncle Jimmy broke his heart over six different girls, and in every case the fracture was beyond repair.

WHATEVER MAY be said of his health, it is evident that Editor O'Brien's temper has been greatly strengthened by his experience in Tullamore jail.

THE MAN whose health is never better than in bracing weather, sah, and who thumps his breast with satisfaction while others are trying to run away from themselves, sah—that man is dead. He froze to death last week.

PROGRESS.

New York has a professional hangman. His name is known, and he has a round, red face and a look of contentment something like the traditional Santa Claus. He wears a slouch hat, and when he walks out for pleasure he carries the black cap in one of his overcoat pockets, letting the strings hang out by way of ornament. He smokes, and occasionally drinks, and is real sociable. He is sensitive over the fact that his name has been published in connection with his profession, because he has a son and a daughter who might not like to be pointed out as his children; yet there is underneath this sentimental weakness an apparent feeling of pride because he has worked off several men with much neatness and dispatch. No other city in this country has a professional hangman. We mention the fact as an evidence of progress. If hanging is to be continued every enterprising city ought to have a hangman. If killing men is legitimate in certain cases the killing ought to be well and expeditiously done. Long live the hangman; and may he presently have such pride in his work that he will advertise his ability and his desire for business in all the enterprising newspapers. Nay—let him speedily become the most valuable of the men on the enterprising newspaper staff.

A RARE BIRD.

Mr. Clamps, who has been following tracks, and suddenly comes on his quarry! "Fo' de Lawd, dat rabbit's done got de bigges' years an' de mos' pow'ful vorce for de size ob he's foot I eber see!"

THE JUDGE begs to congratulate Mr. Carroll E. Smith on his election as a regent of the—we believe it is called the university. When Mr. Smith finds that institution will he kindly carol the fact, as gaily as possible, to this establishment?

SAM JONES discusses women's corns. His proper subject is souls. Does the miserable wretch really think that women wear theirs in their shoes?

WHEN BROTHER TALMAGE read how Brother Sam Jones condemned acting he said it was infernally mean not to put in an exception in behalf of the pulpit.

VOICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

"Don't be alarmed. We are not for free trade. We are just as much afraid of it as you are. We are as much Republicans as those Republicans themselves. What we want is to reform the tariff by letting it pretty nearly alone. You needn't shy off that way. Whatever our convictions are we don't propose to act upon them. We say lots of things; but, bless you! we don't believe in them."

SAMUEL WATTS of Thomaston, Me., has lost three ships within as many weeks. That's Watts—h'm! that is how he is afflicted.

THE BIRTHDAY of S. J. Tilden is February 9th, and on that day we suppose the Democrats will get up from their wine to say again, and with increased vehemence, that they are not guilty.

KNEE-BREECHES for dress occasions are predicted by a western tailor, and when they come the monogram garter will be the right thing in the right place.

ONLY THE FRAMEWORK.

FIRST PARTY—"Say, Jones, who is that tall, angular and extremely thin woman talking to Bicks?"
SECOND PARTY—"Why, that's his wife."
FIRST PARTY—"You don't say so! Well, I think if I were Bicks I would have her upholstered."

A SING-SONG SKETCH.

(A la the Sunday World).

When I was but a baby boy
I cribbed my sister's every toy.
When I a little older grew
I pilfered change from mother too.

At age of ten I went to school,
And "stole" away to play pin-pool.
When I was at the fifteen notch
I pawned my father's silver watch.

At twenty, I was such a churl
As to run off with brother's girl.
Some stocks I did, at twenty-eight,
Without "suspish," hypothecate.

At thirty, swindling mining "booms"
I worked, but landed in the Tombs.
(A crooked lawyer got me free;
I beat *him* out of his whole fee.)

I earned, at thirty-five, some fame
With suckers at the sawdust game.

At forty, though, I struck a snag,
While burgling banks, and got "the lag."
They sent me up for sixteen years,
In spite of all my pleas and tears.

So here in Sing Sing now I dwell.
Hark! there's the ding-dong of the bell,
And 'stead of cracking safes, my bones
Will soon be aching, cracking stones.

But ere the lockstep I fall in
I'll tell how this "might *not* have been":
What! "Christian rearing in my youth"?
Oh, nix! come off! this here's the truth:

The reason I am in this cell
(But keep it dark, and never tell)
Is, I am jugged this gloomy morn
Coz once I happened to be born!

No. 379,228½, *alias* "THE ALL-ROUND TOUGH."

THE REIGN OF ANTHONY I.

(And, let us hope, last).

Now Anthony the Pure did visit a high school one day, and as the fates ordained he was ushered into a physiology class, composed of youths and maidens.

As he entered the room he thought he heard a pupil say "legs," but he was exceeding loth to believe it. But when he gazed upon the table the scales of doubt fell from his eyes; for there stood an articulated skeleton, adorned by naught but its natural bones.

And Anthony the Pure gave a gasp, and rushed upon it, and cast about it his own seal-skin great coat.

And he and the law are mighty!

And that class drapes all its skeletons; and it studies the human form divine under a bushel.

De pusson dat 'grees wid yo' am allus a pusson ob sense.

THE COAL STRIKE.

OULIHAN—"Shuer Oi've heerd the folks say as how coal wuz goin' up, but Oi've bin begobs, watchin' here two days, an' divil a bit has riz from under the shed yit!"

THAT ACCOUNTS FOR IT.

In a doctor's office.

"I can't exactly explain my symptoms, doctor. Although there is a general feeling of weakness and weariness, I have an unaccountable itching in my legs, as if I wanted to be in motion."

"Oh! I see! You're a bank cashier."

ALL THE DIRECTIONS.

A sign on the station house at Big Sandy, Wyo., reads as follows:

20 miles from wood.
20 miles from water.
40 miles from sheol.
God bless our home.
Girl wanted—apply within.

A JUST ESTIMATE.

Philosophy in the kitchen.

"Our employers—A lot of make-believes, who keep servants to help them do nothing."

A POPULAR RESORT.

GORDON (*of New York city, who is visiting his cousin, Miss G. of Cincinnati*)—"Well, Grace, we have the entire afternoon at our disposal; suppose we devote it to the Queen city's most popular place of amusement, wherever that may be."

MISS GRACE—"Well, we'll have papa take us over and see them pack pork. You'll enjoy it, I'm sure."

HUM OF THE COURT.

After all, Friday is as good a day to hang a man on as any other day.

Under the heading "Public Opinion" we read much matter from the Calathumpian *Advertiser* and the Pinxatawna *Wasp*. Ah what a ponderous thing public opinion is!

The papers tell of a silver-nosed lover. That rather discounts the silver-tongued gentleman, though it might be advisable to find out the number of grains to the nose.

Some writers waste many words to tell which women are the finest; but it all comes down to the old proposition that the finest is the one who is talking especially to you just now.

Remember that whether a murderer is called "Dannie," or "Bennie," or "Sammie," or "Nannie," he is a murderer just the same. You may love him, but you must hang him.

Ah what a great man that Driscoll, who was hanged, was! Only two or three days before he was worked off he smoked thirteen cigars, and one of the admiring reporters said, "He has been known to do even better that that." Still, the number was ominous. He might far better have smoked twelve or fourteen.

The other night Mr. Ochiltree Jerome got hold of a newspaper that didn't have one of his funny stories, and he immediately turned his face to the wall and wept.

Under the heading "Assembled for Evening Prayers" a paper has the name, with others, of John Stetson. Now we don't believe that man ever assembled for evening prayers in his life.

We should really like to hear of some successful man who didn't start life as a clerk in a country store. It would vary the monotony of this awful newspaper gush about our men who have got rich.

An Ohio woman has gone to jail rather than tell a secret. Sometimes there are women who hug a secret as if it were a live, large man.

The *World's* stories of detectives show that we have among us detectives who are smarter than thieves and not in collusion with them—and that is a revelation.

There is no man so wise as James Russell Lowell when James is so irritated by his previous utterances as to feel it necessary to continuously bite his teeth.

A LETTER.

FORT STANTON, N. M., ——, '87.

MY DEAR JACK—I had a very narrow escape of it last week. Got captured by Man-afraid-he-wouldn't-get-there, and was tied to a tree preparatory to some interesting tomahawk practice. I asked permission to have one last smoke, and on its being granted I lighted one of those cigars you sent me. I have seen no Indians since, and wish you would send me some more for general garrison defence. All well.

Yours sincerely,

TOM ASHLEY, U. S. A.

To John Shearman, esq., New York.

THE REV. CICERO SMITH.

He Learns How Sharper than a Serpent's Tooth it is to Have a Thankless Listener.

"De gemman in de daak ages dat 'vented a pry an' yelled fo' a place toe stan' on an' wanted de job ob movin' de a'ith war behin' de times, my ah-breddern an' sistern," remarked the Rev. Cicero Smith as an introduction to his lecture on "Wha' ah we driftin' ?" for his own behoof in the church of the chosen few. "He war behin' de times 'case de a'th didn' need no pry toe set hit rollin'. An' if he ud foun' a place toe stan' on jis' offen de a'ith he ud a-bean lef' fo'ty miles away befo' he got 'is pry ready fo' use. We, my breddern an' sistern, 'semble dis man. W'y do we 'semble 'im? I t'ink I heah yo' inquirin'. 'Case we spen' toe much time a-lookin' at de wagon w'en we might jist ez well be in takin' a ride. I once met a man dat spent a week in ahguin' dat ef Moses ud a-bean hid in de woods insted ob in de bullrushes he'd nebbah a-bean foun' by de king's dautah. But dat ain't no ahgument dat ain't got head an' tail toe hit laik a cat. My breddren an' sistern, ef Moses ud bean hid in de woods, pu'haps de king's dautah ud a-went huckleberryin' dat day instid ob in swimmin', an' he'd a-bean foun' jis' de same. So much fo' ahgument. We also 'cline toe much, my breddern an' sistern, toe imitatin' oddah people. De oddah day I read dat a man down in Mississippi w'ile diggin' a well foun' a spring ob lemon juice, an' all he had toe do war to chuck in sugah an' dar war his lemonade. Now ef dis con'gation war all down in Mississippi I'll bet de collection dat ull be took up w'en I 'clude my lekcha agin a match dat's bean struck dat all ob yo' ud go toe diggin' fo' lemonade. Dat's de trouble. Yo' ud strike watah, but yo' ud hab toe pu'chase yo' lemons ez well ez yo' sugah, an' de time an' labah yo' ud spen' tryin' toe coax somebody else's luck toe light on yo' picks an' shovels ud buil' a meetin'-house. Dar's toe little 'rigynality an' toe much imitashen eberywha'. I read de oddah day agin dat de clerks down in de money fact'ry in Wash'n'ton dun git pizened a-han'lin' greenbacks. But how many ob yo' heah, my ah-bruddern an' sistern, ud refrain f'om han'lin' greenbacks fo' feah ob pizen ?" Here the Rev. Cicero Smith paused for a reply; but it was so still that you could almost hear the clouds move in the heavens, though the doors of the church of the Chosen Few were shut. "Nobody ob yo' ud refrain," he answered himself, with a look of pity at the ebon faces before him.

"Pahdon me, sah," remarked a sickly yellow man in the rear of the church as he rose and signalled the lecturer as though he were hailing a horse-car two blocks away. "Pahdon me, but I'd laik toe 'poun' a pussnel quesyun, sah."

"'Poun' away," replied the Rev. Cæsar, as he toyed with his notes.

"Wud yo' 'frain f'om han'lin' greenbacks yo'se'f 'case sumun dun got pizened wid um ?" This query from the sickly-yellow man was made angrily and in a loud voice.

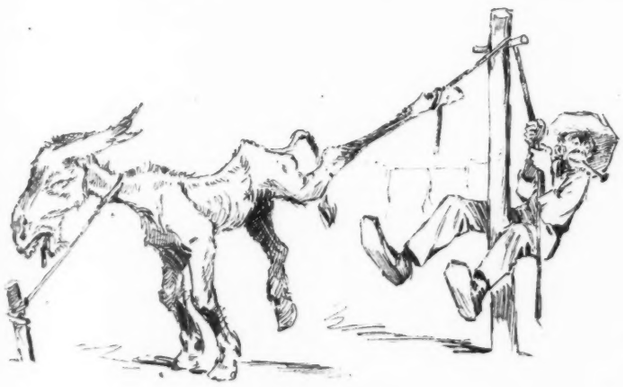
"Ef de g'man dat am 'stu'bin' dis leckcha ull sit down I'll ansah 'im."

The questioner sat.

"I dun bean a clugyman obah dis yer 'semblage fo' yeahs, an' a'n't sot eye on a greenback in dat perud. De deekins ull now pass de baskets, an' ef de brudder w'o hab distu'bed de flow ob my idees on "Wha' ah we driftin'"

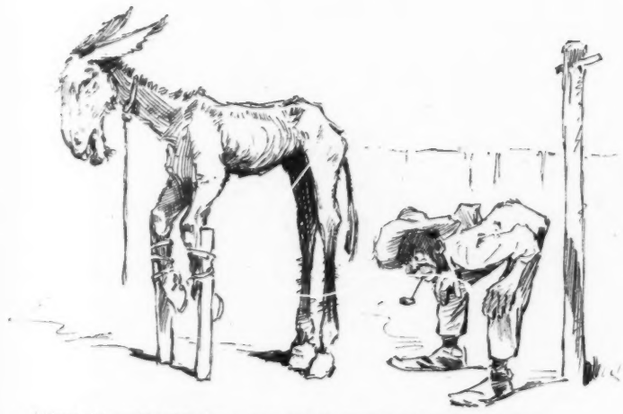
A CASE OF RECONSTRUCTION.

UNCLE PRINCE—"He's jes' a triffle sprung behaind, but 'r reck'n 'r kin cuah dat."

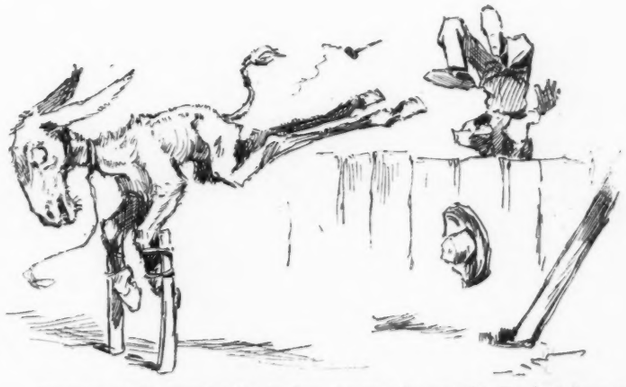


"Now den, all togedder!"

"Swar ter Lawd 'f he doan' look jes' laik a kaingeroo! Got ter fix dem front ones some ways."



"Spec' dat's putty nigh eben. Now, Goliah, s'posin' I git de saddle an' we tek a——"



THE MULE—"This reconstruction business has gone far enough! Here goes for some long-distance target practice."

A COLD SLEIGH-RIDE.

NELLY and I went out to-day,
Tucked snugly in my little cutter
She wore a suit of fur trimmed gray,
With witching ribbon-ends to flutter

Her eyes shone out behind the veil
Drawn straight across, her dimples hiding.
The best dressed girl in Beaverdale,
And prettiest, I had sleigh-riding.

I knew Jack Hill would talk such stuff,
Were he but in my place a minute!
And, when one hand drew out her muff,
His own would promptly be within it.

Her smile was sweet, her cheek was red;
We passed through several tollgates lonely,
But not a tender word was said;
I asked about the soapstone only.

We dared the drifts in lovers' lane,
She clasped my arm, and very tightly;
I set her in her place again,
And wrapped the robe 'round her politely.

The dearest thing, of course! but I
Don't think of that, someway or other;
If I am cold she is not shy;
But then, you see, I'm Nelly's brother.

RUTH HALL.

ull chuck a dollah bill in de basket, he needn' go down in de basement toe borrer a pah ob tongs f'om de janitah in awdah toe 'sist me in 'zaminin' de cu'ossity."

The Rev. Cicero's sally would have disconcerted anybody but the sickly yellow man, who knew where he was drifting beyond a doubt. He edged toward the door and yelled "Fire!" And for once not even the empty formality of passing the basket was effected in the church of the Chosen Few.

J. A. WALDRON.

AN HONEST M. D.

WORRIED WIFE—"Oh, doctor: what has detained you? I sent for you at 12 o'clock; my husband is very low indeed."

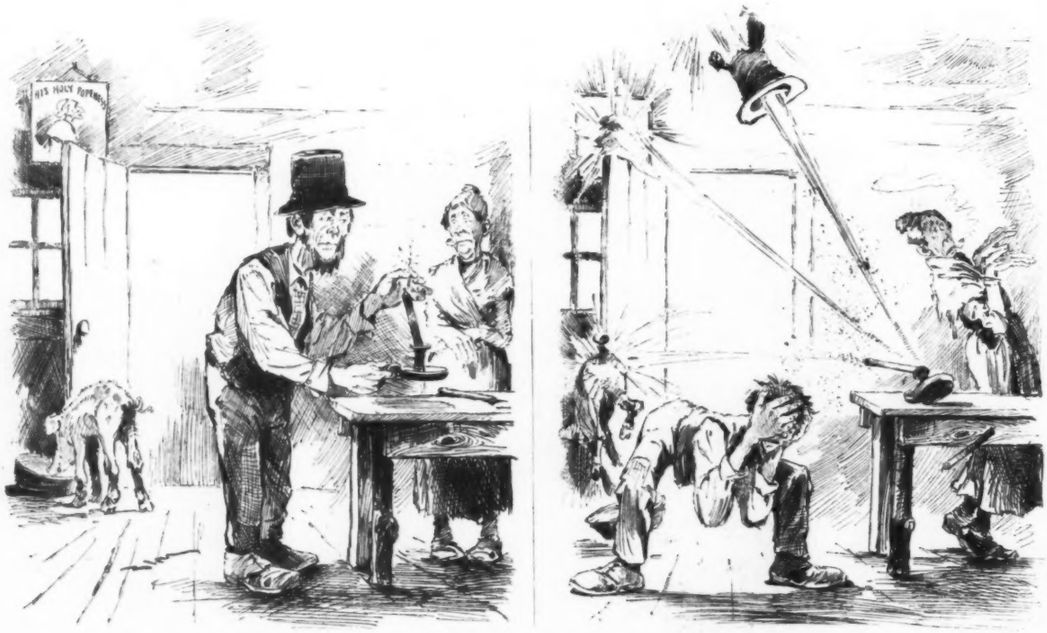
DOCTOR (*complacently*)—"Yes, I received your call then, but as I had an engagement with another patient in this neighborhood at 6 o'clock, I thought I'd make one job of it and kill two birds with one stone."

NO ROSE WITHOUT A THORN.

"Aren't you glad the ladies took their hats off to-night?" she said, as they sat in the parquet at a full-dress opera.

"Oh!" sighed Foodlebright, wearily; "I should be if those two tall girls in front of me didn't turn so far around sideways all the time to look at their beaux."

Between those two girls' heads was the only spot Foodlebright had to play peek-a-boo with the stage, and each had her hair done up in the latest approved "pug."



AN EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATION.

MR. MCGINTY—"Bridget, these is phat they calls Roman candles. Oi t'ought Oi would buy a couple an' see phat kind av candles ther Romans used."

And after an elapse of four seconds McGinty was heard to mutter, "Bridget! look around an the flure for me oye."

THOUGHTFUL.

A dramatist from Marseilles was about to read a play in five acts before the committee of the Theatre Francais.

Before beginning he produced a number of handkerchiefs and silently offered one to each of his judges.

"It is a tragedy!" was his brief remark.

A VICIOUS CIRCLE.

At the recent insect exhibition in Paris, M. Prudhomme was pointing out to his son the different varieties.

"And what a beautiful dispensation of Providence! It has created insects to be the food of toads."

"And what are toads good for, papa?"

"Why to eat the insects, my son."

TIGER TRIM.

As a necessary fixture to the fashionable clan he constitutes an interesting study; and a casual description of the natty little man will afford a contrast to our dramas bloody. He wears a polished beaver with a cockade at its top, a diminutive ensigna on each button, a cravat too dearly purchased at a haberdasher's shop; and he lives on roly-poly and on mutton.

With disdain that's manufactured he will curve his broken lip should Italians grind a snatch from Trovatore. He knows the market value of a blue or yellow chip, when his master's playing at the old, old story. For he has to seek his master and must carry him to bed, if dealers grow too intimate and scorning; and he knows just how to wrap delicious flannels on the head and concoct a pleasing mixture in the morning. He can cut the park policeman in the graces of the maids with the sole attraction of upholstered muscle. He loves to intermingle fickle hearts with flighty spades. He loves to watch the bull-dogs in a tussle. He's an over-prudent fondness for a thimbleful of gin, with the merest trace of sugar and of lemon; and they say when he's in liquor he can cultivate a grin for any passing figure with a hem on. He will wage his weekly salary on a cochin-china's pluck, and will hide away the winnings in his girdle. He will choose the fleetest cutter and she'll sail it like a duck. And he can always pick the winner in a hurdle.

He's attentive to his master and he strokes his master's friends; he's affable to querulous old ladies. He will quietly manœuvre, as he hastens to his end, when he'll occupy a feather-bed in Hades.

DE WITT STERRY.

GETTING EVEN.

Midgely who spent several hundred dollars for theatre tickets last season, without seeing the stage once, on account of the high hat nuisance, adopts a scheme for revenge this year. He lets his hair grow, and combs it up.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Commercial tourist (from the west)—"Well, I got here. Been two days in the snow, with the locomotive's thermometer 22° below zero. Give me a room with double windows, extra steam heaters, coal stove with a big fire, and a jug of whisky. And be quick about it, too."

Hotel clerk—"What do you take us for?"

Commercial tourist—"Isn't this sheol—warranted to furnish all things hot and fast?"

Hotel clerk—"This is Chicago, sir."

Commercial tourist—"Well, what's the difference, anyhow?"

A SWEET SURPRISE.

"Sir," remarked a benevolent old man, "did you ever win any money on a bet?"

"I did," answered Smith, who was addressed. "Why?"

"Because I've been looking for an honest man. Every man to whom I have put the question says he always loses. What'll you drink?"

DOING A FAVOR.

Boiling-over villager—"I want to tell you right to your face, Mr. Mustey, that if that black hen comes into my garden again I shall shoot a hole through her that'll turn her inside out!"

Calm neighbor—"Tha's right, friend. Tha's right. She's be'n egg-bound now fer more n' a week. P'raps it'll help her a leetle."

DEAR GIRL.

"Harry, dear, do you smoke?" she asked sweetly.

"Why?" queried Harry in doubt.

"Because," she answered, "papa has just got a box of cigars and I know where he keeps them."

PROOF AGAINST THE FLOOD.

It was during a freshet in Ohio.

"Aren't you afraid your house will be swept away?" was asked of a man who lived on the bank of the raging river.

"No, there's too big a mortgage on the house," replied the owner cheerfully.

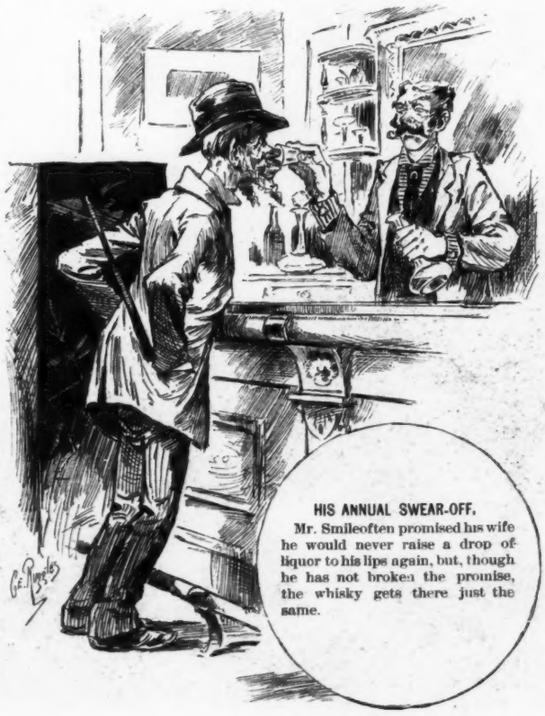
COMPLIMENTS OF THE PERIOD.

"Do you drink?" asked Smith.

"Yes," replied Brown.

"So do I," said Smith.

Nobody t'inks ob trespassin' twell de fence am put up.



HIS ANNUAL SWEAR-OFF.

Mr. Smileoften promised his wife he would never raise a drop of liquor to his lips again, but, though he has not broken the promise, the whisky gets there just the same.

A GIVE AWAY.

Stranger (to young man consulting his watch)—"I see that you are carrying your first gold watch."

Young man (somewhat surprised)—"Er-yes, sir; but how do you know that?"

Stranger—"Because you carry it in a chamois-skin case."

MODERN SOCIETY.

Nellie (just home from Narragansett, to her bosom friend)—"Oh, Fan! think how delightful it was. One evening I danced three dances with a Mr. Peters who is said to be the wickedest man at the Pier, and all the other girls were *so* mad."

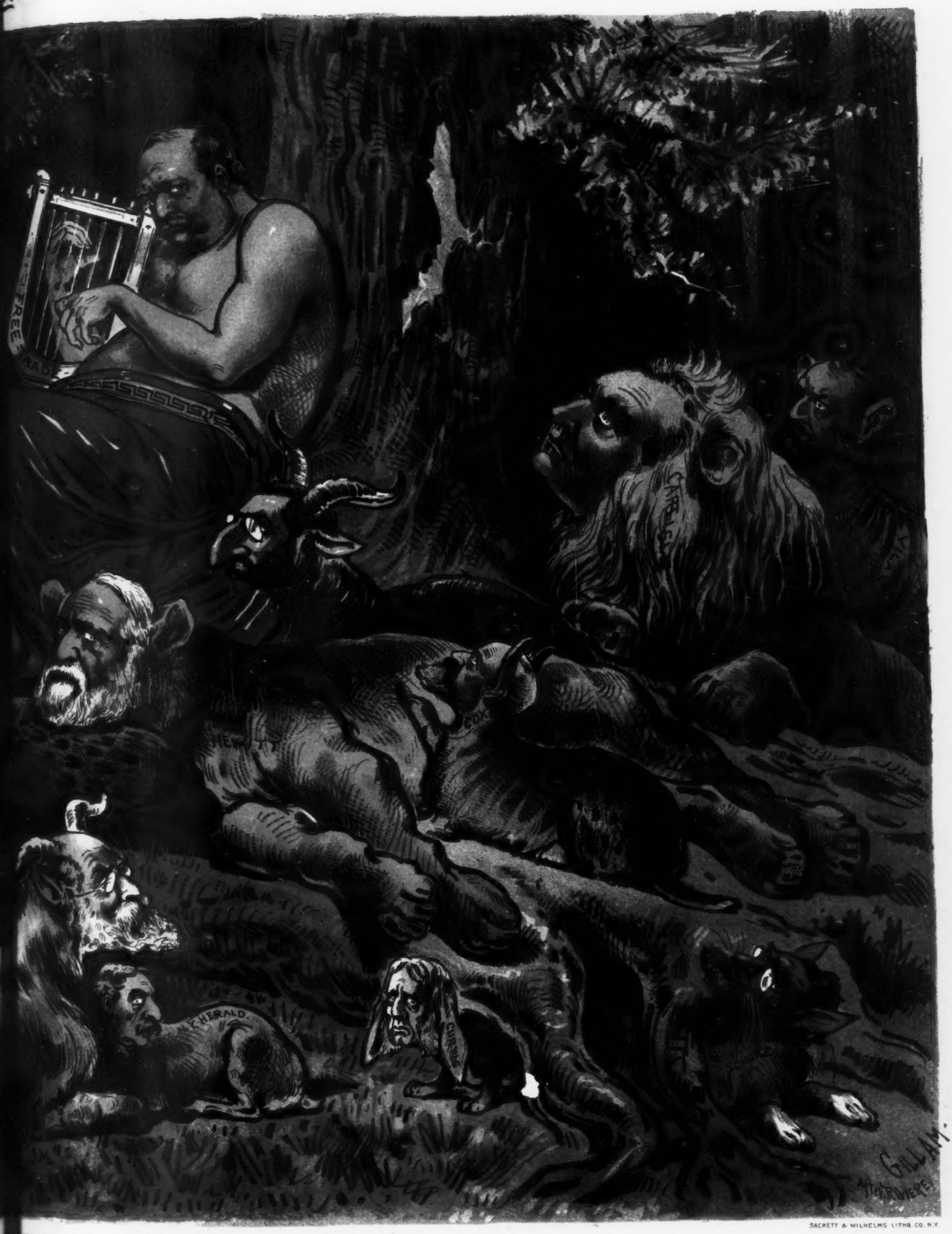
A SAD OMISSION.

Pawnbroker (with his mind on the shop, at the theatre box-office, studying the ticket he has purchased)—"I zay, dare vash no tate on dish sheck fur retempshun of de bledge!"

Yo' kin fin' mo' chickens in de eagle's nes' dan yo' kin eagle's eggs in a hen's nes'.

HARMONY—BU R

Apollo Cleveland, having driven Randall out of the party, strikes the key- the



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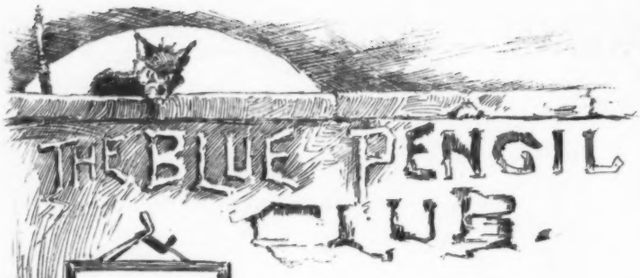
Y—BU R HOW LONG?

the key the coming Campaign, and all is Peace—The Circus will take place later.



SKAGGS came into the club room with a lingering step and a downcast look. His hair had been cut short and his beard shaved off in preparation for his nuptials, which gave his ragged features the appearance of a New Hampshire hill after a forest fire had run over it. He had again put on his office coat, and a bundle of the *Columbia County Clarion* stuck out of one pocket. He had evidently wiped his face with the office towel. He was a wreck.

"Perhaps," said the president, as he struck the desk to attract attention, "it would be well to offer the congratulations of the club to Mr. Skaggs on his approaching happiness."

"Stop!" said Skaggs impressively. "I am not happy. Happiness is not approaching. Happiness is a mockery. Henceforth I am wedded only to my profession, and no cards are necessary to those nuptials and no gifts—only the usual large egg or abnormal pumpkin laid on the editor's table.

"'Without the smile from partial beauty won
Oh, what were man? A world without a sun.'

"The wedding is off, I am off, everything is off. You see before you a victim of American divorce law."

A hush fell on the assemblage like a November fog on a greenback mass meeting, until Holme Stretch, the professional liar, asked the chair if it would be out of order for Mr. Skaggs to unbosom himself to the club. Silently the awe-stricken president nodded assent.

"Perhaps," said Skaggs in a trembling voice, "you did not know that Miss Pinkerson had been divorced. In fact, very much so, from nine different men, the most of whom are living at the present time. When her affections settled on me she confessed that I had not won her virgin affections, but would have to take my chances on what cold victuals were left in the cupboard of her emotions. I was satisfied some pie was left and did not demur. That woman has talent and would take charge of the literary and obituary part of my paper, and all went merry as—but that is 'shop.' Well, the day was appointed when all at once she found she had lost her album, and all was off." Here Skaggs lifted a corner of his coat and removed a tear.

"If it would not be too much, may I ask what an album had to do

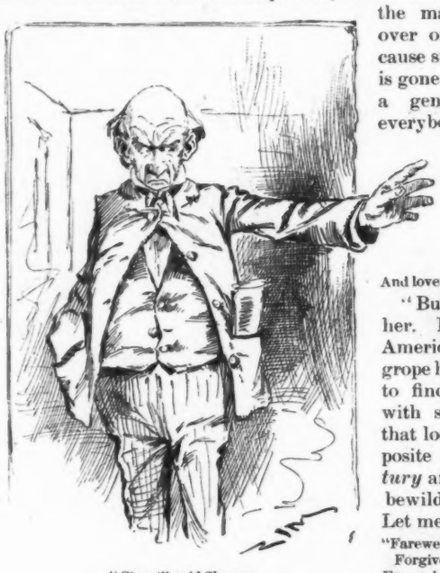
"She had lost her album."

with your happiness?" and the president leaned far over the desk with deep interest."

"You are not up on modern divorce," said Skaggs. "The album is a necessary adjunct of the woman of blighted affections. Divorced from nine men, the business of avoiding trouble becomes complicated. In New York divorce is granted for principal cause. In Connecticut for any cause. In New Jersey for cold feet. In Indiana for snoring. Wisconsin for incompatibility. Illinois for warts or being reelfooted. Michigan for keeping a dog. Utah because you want to. And so it goes. Thus it bcomes neecessary to seek out the isothermal line that will hit your cause of grievance and then start for the salubrious clime. This immense travel for connubial relief has built up the railway system of the country, and a national divorce law would make grass grow on many prosperous railways and hair grow on many bald heads. Thus a sad, broken-hearted woman can do a legal peripatetic business from state to state and avoid paying rent, like a Maine prohibitionist with his saloon in a wheelbarrow. I only wonder that after a woman has had three or four husbands they do not make her take out a license and do business in the regular way."

"Yes, but about the album?" said Gibbs the Bohemian.

"Why, you see, Miss Pinkerson kept an album with pictures of the successive victims and the state in which the divorce was granted, and the dates of the decrees, and also the dates on which several cases would be decided. Two were yet pending, and she lost the book and everything is all mixed up. Why, man alive! she might marry the same man twice if she had no picture, and if she had no dates some of the marriages might lap over on to the others and cause suits for bigamy. She is gone to Utah now to get a general divorce from everybody, and if the Mormons do not pick her up she is coming back to marry me.



"Stop!" said Skaggs.

"'She is far from the land
where her young hero sleeps,
And lovers around her are sighing.'

"But I shall not wait for her. In this uncertainty of American divorce law 'I grope helplessly, and I want to find an eligible widow with seven small children that look alike. These composite pictures in the *Century* are good but would be bewildering in a family. Let me close in poetry:

"Farewell sweet widow, wife or maid!
Forgive my agitation,
For on love's highway I'm afraid
I'm but a small way station.

"Bee-like, from flower to flower you dart,
Each sweet you stoop to call it:
Or, angling with you, callous heart,
You catch a string of mullet.

"You may forget, I never can!
Love wakened will not slumber,
Though dim the picture of the man,
You'll know me by the number.

"Hard, hard the future that I see
O'er lifepaths rough and stony;
While I live on your memory
You live on alimony.

"Farewell, sweet widow, wife, or maid!
Love yet on justice tramples,
In hope that you'll succeed in trade
With such a case of samples.'"

"I can see how much you have suffered by the horrible quality of your verse," said the president.

"I move," said Gibbs, "that we all go over and spend New-year's Eve with Brother Skaggs and cheer him up. All who sympathize with him and will be on hand say 'Aye.'"

A shout of applause went up and the routine business was resumed.

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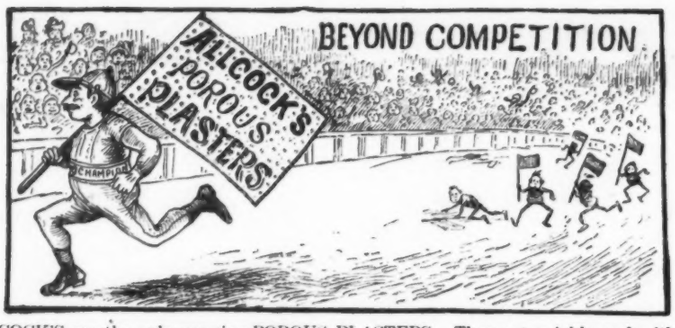

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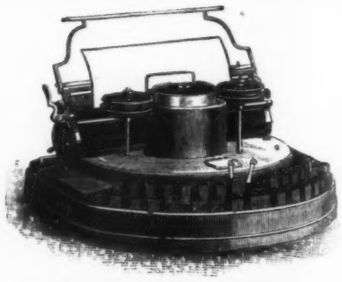

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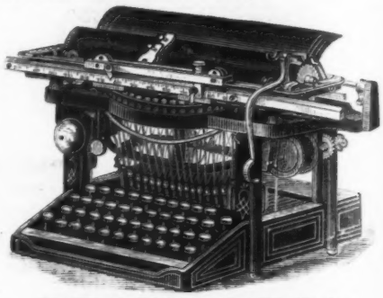

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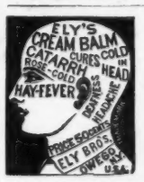

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